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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-23 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicants Response to Restriction Requirement Acknowledged

1. Applicants election with traverse the Group II, claims 24-34, along with calcium chloride as the calcium, phosphatidylserine as the phospholipid, ammonium acid phosphate as the inorganic phosphate and type I collagen as the collagen component as the elected species is acknowledged.

In absence of any remarks or evidence to the contrary regarding the restriction requirement, the election is herein treated as an election without traverse.

Claims 1-5, 8-11, 14 and 24-34 read on the elected invention. Accordingly, claims 6, 7, 12, 13 and 15-23 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected claims.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. Acknowledgement is made of applicant's submitting of the information disclosure statement (IDS) on January 27, 2004 and November 12, 2004. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement (IDS) has been considered by the examiner.

With respect to "International Search Report dated 07-26-2004" in the submitted PTO-1449, the information disclosure statement filed November 12, 2004 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1), which requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 24 and 29-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Independent claim 24 recites “at a site in need of desired tissue growth”. Claim 24 is vague and unclear and leaves the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the invention to which they refer, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claims unclear. In this regard, although the specific examples (e.g., long, flat and endochondral bones, dentin growth, cartilage growth) are disclosed in the specification and claim, it is considered that the meaning of the claims should be clear from the wording of the claim alone.

Regarding claim 32, the claim 32 recites “nanomaterials”. Claim 32 is vague and unclear and leaves the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the invention to which they refer, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claims unclear. In this regard, although the specific examples (e.g., carbon fibers or nanotubes) are disclosed in the specification, it is considered that the meaning of the claims should be clear from the wording of the claim alone.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.
- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 24, 25, 29, 30 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Jeffries (US 6311690).

The claims read a method of inducing the growth of bone in mammal comprising administering complexed-acidic-phospholipid-collagen composite at a site in need of desired tissue growth. Further limitations include “bone growth” (claim 25); “the composite is in paste form, sponge form, molded form or preadsorbed onto an implant material” (claim 29); “the composite is encapsulated by an organic polymer” (claim 30); “further comprising one or more materials selected from the group consisting of autologous osteoblasts, odontoblasts, antibiotics, growth factors, cytokines and nanomaterials” (claim 32).

Jeffries teaches a reconstituted collagen and acidic-phospholipids conjugate composition that is useful in inducing bone growth (Example Twelve and column 5, lines 7-9), wherein said composition is administered in the form of implant material (column 1, lines 18-25; column 5, line 9); prepared in biopolymer organic matrix (column 5, lines 44-47 and column 7, lines 49-51); further comprises additional osteogenic factors, mitogens, drugs or antibiotics (abstract and claim 6).

Since there is no indication in the instant claims that “complexed-acidic-phospholipid-collagen composite” must comprise of complex of “calcium, phospholipids, and inorganic phosphate” and collagen, the referenced reconstituted composition comprising collagen and acidic-phospholipid conjugate “metes and bounds” the claimed “complexed-acidic-phospholipid-collagen composite” and anticipates the claimed invention.

5. Claims 1-5 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by A. Boskey (The Journal of Physical Chemistry, 1989, 93, 1628-1633).

The claims read on a composition comprising an acidic-phospholipid complex and collagen, wherein the complex comprises (i) calcium, namely calcium chloride, (ii) phospholipids, namely phosphatidylserine and (iii) inorganic phosphate, namely ammonium acid phosphate. Further limitations include “in molar ratio of 45-55 parts calcium:35-45 parts phospholipids:5-15 parts inorganic phosphate” (claim 2); “in a molar ratio range of 47-53 parts calcium:38-42 parts phospholipids: 8-12 parts inorganic phosphate” (claim 3); “in a molar ratio of 50 parts calcium: 40 parts phospholipids: 10 parts inorganic phosphate” (claim 5).

Boskey teaches a dynamic collagen gel system comprising synthetic complexed acidic phospholipids (calcium-phospholipid-phosphate complex comprises CaCl_2 , $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{HPO}_4$ and phospholipids: phosphatidyl serine, phosphatidyl inositol and phosphatidic acid, where calcium, phospholipid and inorganic phosphate is in a molar ratio range of 50 mol% (Ca): 40 mol% (phospholipids): 10 mol%(inorganic PO_4), see Boskey et al. (Calcif. Tiss. Res., 23, 251-258, 1977, particularly “Material and Methods” and “Results”). See abstract; page 1629, column 2, the last paragraph; and Tables II-III.

Although Boskey does not specifically mention the presence of calcium chloride (CaCl_2), ammonium acid phosphate $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{HPO}_4$ and phosphatidylserine, in a molar ratio range of 50 mol% (Ca): 40 mol% (phospholipids): 10 mol%(inorganic PO_4), in said synthetic complexed acidic phospholipids, such ingredients in the claimed ratio must be inherently present in the referenced synthetic complexed acidic phospholipids. Therefore, the reference anticipates the claimed invention.

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With respect to the intended use of said composition “for osteoinduction”, such statement is not limited to the interpretation of composition claim. Thus, the reference anticipates the claimed invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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6. Claims 27-28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jefferies (US 6311690) in view of Hollinger (US 4578384).

The teaching of Jefferies has been discussed in above 35 USC 102(a) rejection.

Hollinger is being supplied as a supplemental reference to demonstrate the use of biocompatible copolymer such as polyglycolic acid and polylactic acid in combination with acidic phospholipids complex for improving and promoting the healing of osseous tissue including bone, cementum and dentin (abstract; column 14, lines 28-32).

The teaching of Jefferies differs from the claimed invention in (i) dentin growth or cementum growth and (ii) the use of polyglycolic acid.

To incorporate such teaching into the teaching Jefferies, would have been obvious in view of Hollinger who teaches the use of biocompatible copolymer as secondary agent in preparing acidic phospholipids complex and the utility of acidic phospholipids complex composition in healing of osseous tissue including bone, cementum and dentin.

Although the instant claims use the different names for the said ingredients than those taught in the cited references, these references are particularly pertinent and relevant because all the claimed species and their roles are well taught in the cited reference. Thus, one would have been motivated to combine these references and make the modification because they are drawn to same technical fields (constituted with same ingredients and share common utilities), and pertinent to the problem which applicant concerns about. MPEP 2141.01(a).

7. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jefferies (US 6311690) in view of Applicant's admitted prior art of the record (page 3, lines 10-23).

The teaching of Jefferies has been discussed in above 35 USC 102(a) rejection.

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The admitted prior art of the record teaches the utility of acidic phospholipids complex in mineralizing tissues of cartilage, mantle dentin and in newly forming bone.

The teaching of Jefferies differs from the claimed invention in the calcifying cartilage growth.

To incorporate such teaching into the teaching Jefferies, would have been obvious in view of the admitted prior art of the record who teaches the utility of acidic phospholipids complex for mineralizing tissues of cartilage, mantle dentin and in newly forming bone.

Thus, one would have been motivated to combine these references and make the modification because they are drawn to same technical fields (constituted with same ingredients and share common utilities), and pertinent to the problem which applicant concerns about. MPEP 2141.01(a).

8. Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jefferies (US 6311690).

The teaching of Jefferies has been discussed in above 35 USC 102(a) rejection.

The teaching of Jefferies differs from the claimed invention in the specific dosage amounts, namely “between about 5 mg and about 5g”.

However, those of ordinary skill in the art would have been readily optimized effective dosages as determined by good medical practice and the clinical condition of the individual patient. Regardless of the manner of administration, the specific dose may be calculated according to body weight, body surface area or organ size. Further refinement of the calculations necessary to determine the appropriate dosage for treatment involving each of the above mentioned formulations is routinely made by those of ordinary skill in the art and is within the

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ability of tasks routinely performed by them without undue experimentation, especially in light of the dosage information and assays disclosed herein (Examples).

Relevant Art of Record

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's invention. Please reference to Boskey et al. (Calcif. Tiss. Res., 23, 251-258, 1977 and Calcif. Tiss. Res., 1982, 34:S1-S7. Both reference discloses that synthetic calcium-phospholipid-phosphate complex comprises CaCl_2 , $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{HPO}_4$ and phospholipids: phosphatidyl serine, phosphatidyl inositol and phosphatidic acid. Particularly, Boskey et al. (Calcif. Tiss. Res., 23, 251-258, 1977) discloses that calcium, phospholipid and inorganic phosphate is in a molar ratio range of 50 mol% (Ca): 40 mol% (phospholipids): 10 mol% (inorganic PO_4).

Conclusion

10. No Claim is allowed.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Kwon whose telephone number is (571) 272-0581. The examiner can normally be reached Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ardin Marschel, can be reached on (571) 272-0718. The fax number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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